

## Air Ace



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Twenty-seven bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany and enemy installations in the path of the advancing Allied armies have been accomplished by Technical Sergeant William C. Seaman, Bethlehem, Pa.

Sgt. Seaman, 25, holder of the awards of the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement . . . courage, coolness and skill . . ." is an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress radio operator and gunner of the 385th Bombardment Group, commanded by Colonel George Y. Jumper, Natomas, Calif. His group is part of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt aircraft factories at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943.

Since arriving overseas in this toughest theater of aerial warfare in July, 1944, the Bethlehem flier has skillfully operated his radio equipment and manned his gun position while helping to bomb such vital objectives as the industrial targets in Berlin, Munich and Hamburg, docks and shipyards in Bremen, tire plants in Hanover, marshalling yards in Chemnitz, Dessau and Coblenz, oil refineries in Bohlen. He has also flown on coordinated air-ground attacks on enemy troop concentrations, bridges, railheads and communications centers.

"The bombing attacks coordinated with the movements of the ground forces weren't always the easiest, but they were always the ones I got the biggest thrill from," said Sgt. Seaman. "It doesn't seem to matter much if you have to fly a lot and get bounced around by flak when you can read about our ground armies gaining in the areas we've been pounding from the air."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Seaman, 317 Laury Street, Bethlehem, he is the husband of the former Miss Margaret T. Ammend, 546 Ontario Street, Bethlehem. A graduate of Bethlehem High School, the sergeant entered the Army Air Forces in August, 1943, and won his gunnery wings in January, 1944, at Laredo Field, Texas.

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